

Village of Elwood regular meeting minutes, October 11, 2023

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Elwood, Nebraska was held at the Elwood Village Office, 304 Calvert Avenue on Wednesday, October 11, 2023. Said meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Board Chair Martin who acknowledged the Open Meetings Act posted on the south wall of the meeting room. Present were Trustees Kleine, Townsend and Tilson. Trustee Fong was absent. Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Valley Voice Newspaper on October 5, 2023 and by posted notices at Security First Bank, Pinnacle Bank, Elwood Post Office and the Village Office. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

A motion was made by Tilson, seconded by Kleine, to approve: the September 13, 2023 special meeting minutes amending the first sentence after the ordinance, from "Vice-Chair Martin..." to "Vice-Chair Tilson...", the 9/13/2023 regular meeting minutes, and the August special meeting minutes dated 8/24/2023 and 8/27/2023 as presented. There being no further discussion, the roll call vote was: ayes: Townsend, Kleine, Tilson, Martin; nays: none; absent: Fong; motion carried 4-0-1.

After reviewing claims and discussing the Jr./Sr. Baseball account, a motion was made by Tilson, seconded by Kleine, to approve and pay the Village and Library claims as presented. There being no further discussion, the roll call vote was: ayes: Townsend, Kleine, Tilson, Martin; nays: none; absent: Fong; motion carried 4-0-1. Board Chair Martin mentioned that a CD is maturing November 1st and that Pinnacle Bank currently has a 10-month special. Claims are as follows:

Aflac	256.40	emp. pd ins.
ATC Communications	14.90	email, website
Aurora Cooperative	104.45	fuel/supplies
Black Hills Energy	123.53	utilities
Blue Cross Blue Shield of NE	5,155.01	emp. health ins.
CAMAS Publishing	458.07	publications
Community Redevelopment Authority	6,250.00	budget
Corder, Kirk	49.00	cell phone
Dawson Pest Control	126.00	pest control
Dawson Public Power District	5,445.62	utilities
Eakes - Copier	124.65	copier payment
Elan Financial Services - credit card	372.48	office supplies, postage
Elwood Hometown Coop Market	8.44	supplies
Elwood Library	8,625.00	budget
Eustis Plumbing & Underground	24.61	supplies
Eustis Welding	202.58	manhole repair
Gosper Co. Treasurer (Sheriff Support)	11,715.74	quarterly support
Great Plains Communications	173.71	phone
Inner-Pole Testing, LLC	420.00	light pole testing at ball
fields		
Intuit	1,830.00	QuickBooks subscription
Johnson Service Company	6,512.00	sewer cleanout
MTL, Inc.	98.00	office cleaning

NE Department of Revenue	1,442.29	income tax withholding
NE Department of Revenue	285.98	sales tax
NE Public Health Env. Lab.	16.00	water testing
One Call Concepts, Inc.	7.54	811 fees
Pinnacle Bank	393.75	HSA
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RJ Meyer & Assoc, CPA	2,500.00	budget
Salisbury Farms, Inc.	4,649.46	sewer pond RE taxes
Sargent Irrigation	4,882.36	park sprinkler
Schaben Sanitation - Roll-off	725.35	roll-off
Schaben Sanitation	6,686.74	solid waste
Schutz, Shane	20.00	cell phone
Security First Insurance	12.00	add-ons to liability ins.
Starmark	39.60	life ins.
Tilson, Charles. Dpty Zon Admin	50.00	Dpty zone admin
West Central Nebraska Dev. Dist.	2,520.00	nuisance officer fee
TOTAL	72,715.01	
PREAPPROVED/PREPAID CLAIMS:		
EFTPS	2,870.82	Sept federal payroll taxes
Niemeier, Jenny	250.00	Jr/Sr ball coach - Hodges
Payroll	8,117.57	Sept net payroll
Schwab	316.65	Sept 401K company
match		
TOTAL PREPAID	11,555.04	
TOTAL CLAIMS	84,270.05	
LIBRARY CLAIMS:		
Black Hills Energy	102.10	utilities
Dawson Public Power District	142.53	utilities
MTL Inc	196.00	janitor
Village of Elwood	2,148.00	wages, ss/mc, utilities
Pinnacle Bank CC	405.88	books
TOTAL LIBRARY CLAIMS	2,994.51	

A motion was made by Tilson, seconded by Townsend, to approve Utility Superintendent Corder's payout request of 114 hours of compensatory time. There being no discussion, the roll call vote was: ayes: Kleine, Townsend, Tilson, Martin; nays: none; absent: Fong; motion carried 4-0-1.

A motion was made by Tilson, seconded by Townsend, to approve the Treasurer's report as presented. There being no further discussion, the roll call vote was: ayes: Kleine, Townsend, Tilson, Martin; nays: none; absent: Fong; motion carried 4-0-1.

Board Chair Martin opened a public hearing regarding a redevelopment plan for 308 Smith Avenue. There was no public comment. The Board reviewed Resolution 2023-13 which approves the redevelopment plan for 308 Smith Avenue. A motion was made by Tilson, seconded by Kleine, to approve Resolution 2023-13. There being no further discussion, the roll call vote was: ayes: Townsend, Kleine, Tilson, Martin; nays: none; absent: Fong; motion carried 4-0-1.

Katy Weissert, Board Chair for the Elwood Community Redevelopment Authority (CRA) was present to discuss redevelopment projects for 308 Smith Avenue and the Veteran's Memorial, which is underway and which project is listed as a recipient on Elwood's Give Big through the Foundation.

Further discussion was held regarding housing and potential grant funding. Amber Kuskie, with West Central Nebraska Development District (WCNDD), commented on grant funding and housing possibilities.

There was no Sheriff's report.

Amber Kuskie, with WCNDD, reviewed nuisance properties with the Trustees via Zoom. A motion was made by Tilson, seconded by Kleine, to pass Resolution 2023-006-01 rescinding the nuisance declaration made by Resolution 2023-006. There being no further discussion, the roll call vote was: ayes: Townsend, Kleine, Tilson, Martin; nays: none; absent: Fong; motion carried 4-0-1.

Kuskie reviewed the process of abating properties and potential costs. A motion was made by Tilson, seconded by Townsend, to abate five (5) properties as presented by WCNDD. There being no further discussion, the roll call vote was: ayes: Kleine, Townsend, Tilson, Martin; nays: none; absent: Fong; motion carried 4-0-1.

A couple properties were discussed that have tall grass and/or weeds.

Utility Superintendent Corder reported on vehicles owned by the Village and the need for a different pick-up. The Trustees discussed what to spend depends upon what is found with the price revolving around the \$25,000.00 mark.

A water line to the Veteran's Memorial was discussed. Street repair updates were reviewed. The light pole test at the ball field was completed and results were discussed showing that the poles passed the inspections and do not need replaced at this time. The Board discussed working on the cross-arms and lights.

The middle section of the cemetery was sprayed and is looking better. No parking signs to go on Smith Avenue near Rochelle Street and on Rochelle Street by the care center were discussed. The Clerk was asked to reach out to the State to see about painting the curb instead of installing a sign.

UT Supt. Corder also reported that some people were in the dumpster looking for things. The Board determined that nothing is to be removed from the property at the dump. It was noted there are a lot of campers and trailers parked on the streets and will be a problem when snow needs cleared. Dump hours were discussed.

A motion was made by Tilson, seconded by Kleine, to pay the \$980.00 invoice from Hart, Huyser & Miller, P.C., L.L.O. for attorney fees. There being no discussion, the roll call vote was: ayes: Townsend, Kleine, Tilson, Martin; nays: none; absent: Fong; motion carried 4-0-1.

There was no report from Schaben Sanitation. The Board briefly discussed sanitation companies.

The agreement and Resolution for Lexington Area Solid Waste Agency (LASWA) were reviewed. A motion was made by Tilson, seconded by Kleine, to approve the interlocal agreement between the Village of Elwood and LASWA, and to approve Resolution 2023-15 appointing Trustee Fong as Elwood's representative to LASWA. There being no further discussion, the roll call vote was: ayes: Townsend, Kleine, Tilson, Martin; nays: none; absent: Fong; motion carried 4-0-1.

No application has been received for moving a house.

The new application for WCNDD's Nuisance Abatement Program was reviewed. A motion was made by Kleine, seconded by Tilson, to submit the application to WCNDD for nuisance abatement services. There being no further discussion, the roll call vote was: ayes: Townsend, Tilson, Kleine, Martin; nays: none; absent: none: motion carried 4-0-1.

A motion was made by Tilson, seconded by Townsend, to approve the Insurance proposal made by Ed Houlden at Security First Insurance at the September 13, 2023 meeting. There being no discussion, the roll call vote was: ayes: Kleine, Townsend, Tilson, Martin; nays: none; absent: Fong; motion carried 4-0-1.

Resolution 2023-14 was reviewed with a motion by Tilson, seconded by Kleine, to approve said Resolution allowing the Board Chair to sign the Municipal Annual Certification of Program Compliance for the Nebraska Board of Public Roads Classifications and standards. There being no discussion, the roll call vote was: ayes: Townsend, Tilson, Kleine, Martin; nays: none; absent: Fong; motion carried 4-0-1.

Zoning issues were discussed regarding placement of mobile homes and campers parking on the streets during the winter. The Trustees asked the Clerk to add to the Fall Notice about moving campers for clearing snow.

A motion was made by Townsend, seconded by Kleine, to approve the Vice-Chair of the Village Board of Trustees to sign checks and preside at meetings in the absence of the Board Chair. There being no discussion, the roll call vote was: ayes: Tilson, Kleine, Townsend, Martin; nays: none; absent: Fong; motion carried 4-0-1.

There were two approved building/fence permits to review.

The next regular Board meeting is scheduled for November 8, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.
Board Chair Martin adjourned the meeting at 9:25 p.m.

Laurie Jauken, Clerk/Treasurer